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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2005 for which a 3 month shortened statutory period to respond was set. Applicant hereby requests a 3-month extension of time to extend the response period up to and including February 18, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1392.

Please amend the above mentioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims appear on page 2 of this document.

Remarks appear on page 10 of this document.